

**Addictive & Mental Disorders Division (AMDD)**  
**Montana's Co-Occurring Disorders Transformation Team Update**  
**Status Report for December 08 – February 09**

**Transformation Team Meeting (formerly the Policy Team and Change Agents):**

- The next Transformation Team meeting is scheduled in Helena on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at the Disability Rights Montana Conference Room. If you plan on attending please RSVP Susan Haran at (406) 444-3907 or at [sharan@mt.gov](mailto:sharan@mt.gov) by March 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Transformation Team Work Group Reports:**

**Data Work Group:**

The work group chaired by Eric Higginbotham held their meeting on February 26, 2009.

Present: Scott Cramton, Dan Krause, Bobbi Renner and Ken Taylor

Action Plan:

- The committee continues to provide a monthly process statement; and
- The committee is beginning to look at the overlap between clients receiving services in systems, mental health and chemical dependency.

**Welcoming and Cultural Responsiveness Work Group:**

The work group chaired by Tim Payne held their meeting on December 4, 2008.

Present: Deb Sanchez, Vicky Varichak, Kris Young, Jane Wilson, Scott Cramton, Tom Camel, Alice Reuman, Tommy Stiffarm and Guests from Helena & Great Falls Warrior Down

Action Plan:

- Provide a cultural competency training activity at every Transformation Team meeting;
- Prepare a set of training modules for Change Agents to use as other related meetings; and
- Develop a "newsletter" or one-time piece of identifying the goals of the Welcoming and Cultural Responsiveness work group.

**Integrated Scope of Practice and Endorsement Work Group:**

The work group chaired by Chuck Michaud held their last meeting on December 4, 2008.

Present: Tamara Nauts, Karen Baumann, Dan Krause, Courtney Rudbach Sandra Lippy, Cindy Jensen, Scott Malloy, Judith Ferneau and Melinda Mason.

Action Plan:

- The initial peer review will begin in the western region. The subjective review will be based on the MH and SA Endorsement Guidelines;
- Funding will be provided by AMDD to peer reviewers who plan on assisting with the project; and
- Next meeting will be at the March 12<sup>th</sup> Transformation Team meeting.

**Training Work Group:**

The work group chaired by Amy Skordal held their last meeting on February 25, 2009

Present: Jenny Kelly, Stacey Wheeler, Lloyal Kennedy, Joan Daly and Polly Peterson.

Excused: Susan Haran, Marlene O'Connell.

Action Plan:

- Develop a Co-Occurring Library on AMDD web site;
- Develop an ongoing Quality Assurance Program;
- Develop the format for interested parties to participate in a Speakers Bureau;
- Identify a mechanism to involve more Doctors in the Co-Occurring System changes; and
- Next meeting will be during the March 12<sup>th</sup> Transformation Team meeting.

**Media and Communication Work Group:**

The work group chaired by Skip Rosenthal held their last meeting on December 4, 2008.

Present: Joan Cassidy, Dan Ladd, Linda Nelson, Becky Corbett and Lisa Miller

Excused: Evonne Hawe and Antonia Klein

Action Plan:

- Develop a marketing plan which promotes coo-occurring capability to both chemical dependency and mental health agencies and other interested parties;
- Profile through existing resources an agency and/or program providing co-occurring services on a regular basis; and
- Next meeting will be during the March 12<sup>th</sup> Transformation Team meeting.

Please remember to submit your work group, community and agency reports to Joan Cassidy at [jcassidy@mt.gov](mailto:jcassidy@mt.gov) or Deb Sanchez at [dsanchez@mt.gov](mailto:dsanchez@mt.gov) for the next status report.